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Subject Activities of Koo Vung-dau, former officer of the Jessfield Branch of the Shanghai City Government Police Bureau.

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It is reported that Koo Vung-dau (顧 雲 道), a former sub-inspector attached to the Jessfield Branch of the Shanghai City Government Police Bureau, has been approached by the managements of certain Japanese factories in the Western District to act as their Chinese advisor and liaison officer.

It is learned that Koo Vung-dau has been recently engaged in a "racket" whereby he undertakes to remove goods from Chinese territory to the Settlement on behalf of the owners. When approached to remove goods, a deposit of a sum of \$20, \$50 and \$100 is charged as a locomotion allowance, and is assessed according to the value of the goods. Investigations are then instituted as to the state of the place where the goods are stored and should the place be found burned or the goods stolen, the locomotion charge will not be refunded. Should the place and goods be in good condition, they are removed, but a further transportation fee equivalent to 20% to 30% of the value of the goods is then charged, the first deposit being incorporated in the charge.

The goods are transported to the Settlement and land at two places on the Soochow Creek, either at Jessfield Village or at jetties in the Louza district. If landing in Jessfield Village, a pass is applied for from the Italian Troops, who are defending that sector, but in case the application is refused, arrangements are then made with the Japanese military authorities for permission to allow the junks to proceed to the Louza District, where the vessels are unloaded. One named Hsu (許), a follower of Koo, is said to be responsible for the transportation arrangements.

A few days ago Koo Vung-dau arranged the transportation

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of three boatloads of potatoes from Wanzhang to Shanghai, which were unloaded at the Jessfield Village; also he further arranged the transportation of three boatloads of bituminous coal from Footung, which were unloaded at the City Government Ferry Pontoon, The Bund near Peking Road, and it is reported a transportation fee of \$100 per boat was charged for the potatoes, and \$200 for each boat of coal.

Further negotiations are in progress for the removal of 200 piculs of firewood from Zah Hwei Kong, Nantso, and also the transportation of fish from inland places.

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